

# §B Fractals

Characterized by self-similarity to an infinite scale

→ Mandelbrot: "Fractal Geometry of Nature"

Def Fractals:

Complex objects with finite structure of arbitrary small scales, usually exhibits self-similarity

Countability

$$|E| = |N| = |Z| = |Q| \ll |R|$$

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 $\beta\alpha\alpha$   
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Cantor Set

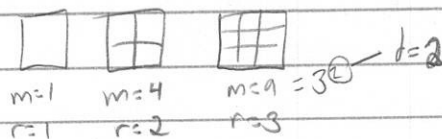
Dimension  $d$  is the minimum number of parameters to describe any point on the object.

$N$   
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$$d = 0.63$$

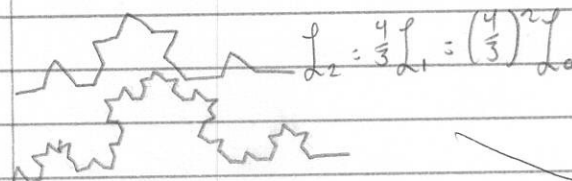
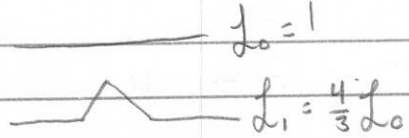
$$\frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

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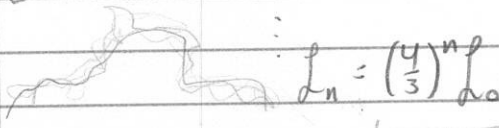
$$r=3, m=4$$

Scaling factor to fit  $m$  copies



$m = r^d$  defines dimension

$$d = \frac{\log m}{\log r}$$



$$m=4n, r=3^n$$

$$d = \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3} = 1.26$$

Infinite space, but can fit in a finite interval

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Problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
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- You might find these formulas helpful:

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots \quad \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \quad \sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \quad 2 \sin x \cos x = \sin 2x$$

- You might find these formulas for two time-scale perturbation theory useful:

$$\tau \equiv t$$

$$T \equiv \epsilon t$$

and the derivatives with respect to  $t$  get transformed to

$$\dot{x} = \partial_T x_0 + \epsilon (\partial_T x_0 + \partial_T x_1) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\ddot{x} = \partial_{TT} x_0 + \epsilon (\partial_{TT} x_0 + 2\partial_{TT} x_1) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

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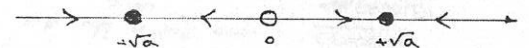
1. (20 pts.) a) Find all the fixed points of  $\dot{x} = ax - x^3$ ,  $a > 0$

Sol.:  $ax - x^3 = 0 \quad x(a - x^2) = x(\sqrt{a} + x)(\sqrt{a} - x) = 0$   
 $x^* = 0$   
 $x^* = \pm \sqrt{a}$

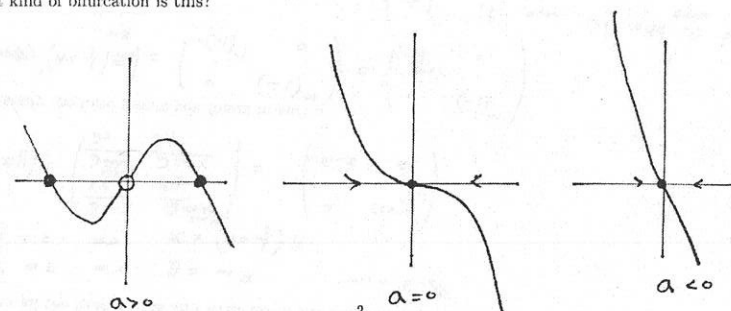
- b) Use Linear Stability analysis to determine the stability of each of the fixed points in part a.

$f(x) \equiv ax - x^3 \quad f'(x) = a - 3x^2$   
 $f'(0) = a > 0 \quad \text{UNSTABLE}$   
 $f'(\pm\sqrt{a}) = a - 3a = -2a < 0 \quad \text{stable.}$

- c) Sketch the one-dimensional flow based on what you found in parts a and b.



- d) Now suppose we vary  $a$  from  $a < 0$  to  $a = 0$  to  $a > 0$ . What is (are) the critical point(s). If any, what kind of bifurcation is this?



$a = 0$  Bifurcation Pt.

PITCHFORK BIFURCATION.

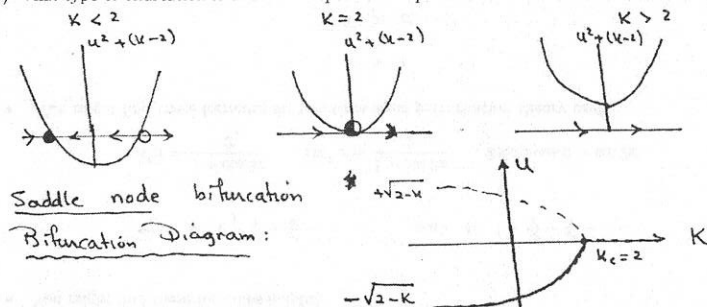
2. (20 pts.) Consider  $\dot{u} = k - 2 \cos u$  where  $k > 0$  and  $u$  is small in magnitude.

a) In this limit find the fixed points

$$|u| \ll 1 \Rightarrow \cos u = 1 - \frac{u^2}{2}$$

$$\dot{u} = (k-2) + u^2 \quad u^*: \quad u = \pm \sqrt{2-k} \quad k < 2 \text{ better}$$

b) What type of bifurcation is this with respect to the parameter  $k$ ? Draw the bifurcation diagram.



c) Suppose we consider the same flow but on a circle ( $u$  is not small anymore), for what values of  $k$  are there fixed points on the circle?

f.p.  $\dot{u} = 0 \Rightarrow k - 2 \cos u = 0 \Rightarrow \cos u = k/2$   
 $|k| \leq 2 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad k \in [-2, 2]$

3. (20 pts.) Consider the dynamical system  $\dot{x} = \sin y$  and  $\dot{y} = \cos x$ .

a) Find all the fixed points and write down the Jacobian matrix  $J(x, y)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} = 0 &\Rightarrow y = m\pi \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \dot{y} = 0 &\Rightarrow x = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$J(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \sin y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \sin y}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \cos x}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \cos x}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cos y \\ -\sin x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

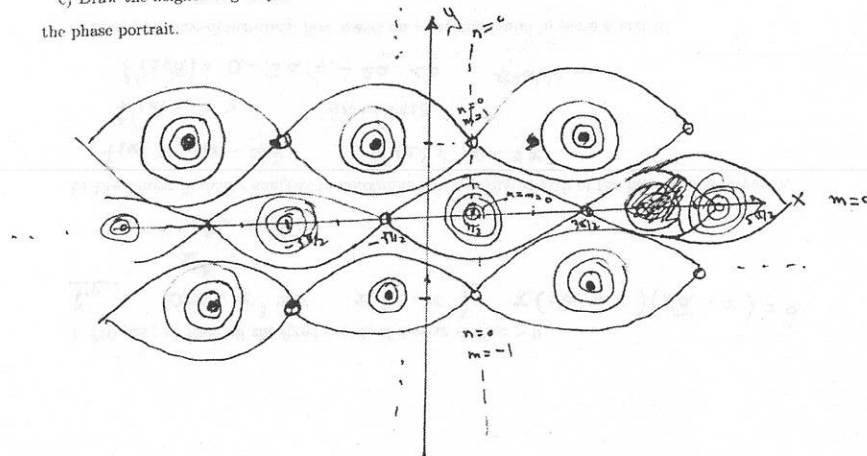
b) Classify the fixed points you found in part a

$$J\left(\frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{m\pi}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (-1)^m \\ -(-1)^n & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (-1)^m \\ (-1)^{n+1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = (-1)^{n+m} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } n, m \text{ both odd or both even} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\therefore n, m$  both odd or both even : CENTERS  
 $\therefore n, m$  one odd one even : SADDLES

c) Draw the neighboring trajectories of the fixed points and fill in the rest to get a representation of the phase portrait.



4. (20 pts.) Consider the strange motion given by  $\ddot{u} = \dot{u} + 2 \sin u$

a) Find all the fixed points

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= v \\ v^* &= 0 \\ \dot{v} &= v + 2 \sin u \end{aligned}$$

$$u^* = m\pi \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

b) Write down the equation of the motion near the origin, subjected to initial conditions  $u(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{u}(0) = 1$ . Linear Stability Analysis given

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = J(u, v) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 \cos u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

Near  $(0, 0)$   $\lambda_1 = 2$   $\vec{v}_{\lambda=2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda_2 = -1$   $\vec{v}_{\lambda=-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}(t) = C_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}(0) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_1 + C_2 = 0$$

$$-C_1 + 2C_2 = 1$$

$$C_1 = -1/3 \quad C_2 = 1/3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}(t) = -\frac{1}{3} e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{3} e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. (20 pts.) Find the lowest-order approximate solution to

$$\ddot{x} + 3x + \epsilon x^2 = 0$$

$$x(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 1$$

where  $\epsilon \ll 1$ .

$$x_1 = x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots$$

$$2\pi x_0 + \epsilon(2\pi x_1 + 2\pi x_0) + 3(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)$$

$$+ \epsilon(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)^2 = 0$$

$$= x_0^2 + O(\epsilon)$$

$$O(1): 2\pi x_0 + 3x_0 = 0 \quad x_0 = A(t) \sin \sqrt{3} t + B(t) \cos \sqrt{3} t$$

$$O(\epsilon): 2\pi x_1 + 3x_1 = -2[A' \sqrt{3} \cos(\sqrt{3} t) - B' \sqrt{3} \sin \sqrt{3} t]$$

$$- [A^2 \sin^2 \sqrt{3} t + B^2 \cos^2 \sqrt{3} t + AB \sin(2\sqrt{3} t)]$$

Net secular

RHS:  $-2\pi x_0 - x_0^2$

Secular terms  $-2\sqrt{3} A' \cos \sqrt{3} t + 2\sqrt{3} B' \sin \sqrt{3} t = 0$

$$A' = B' = 0: A = A_0 \quad B = B_0$$

force to zero

$$x_0(t, \epsilon) = A_0 \sin \sqrt{3} t + B_0 \cos \sqrt{3} t$$

$$x_0(0) = x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B_0 = 0$$

$$x_0'(0) = \dot{x}(0) = \sqrt{3} A_0 \cos \sqrt{3} t \Big|_0 = \sqrt{3} A_0 = 1 \Rightarrow A_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$x_0(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin(\sqrt{3} t)$$

6. (20 pts.) Show that the system  $\dot{x} = x - y - x^3$ ,  $\dot{y} = x + y - y^3$  has a periodic solution. [Hint: (0, 0) is the only fixed point (you don't need to show this). Start with  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$  and find a trapping region by identifying when  $\dot{r} > 0$  and  $\dot{r} < 0$ ]

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \cancel{r} \dot{r} = \cancel{r} \dot{x} + \cancel{r} \dot{y}$$

$$= x(x - y - x^3) + y(x + y - y^3)$$

$$= x^2 - x^4 + y^2 - y^4 = \underbrace{x^2 + y^2}_r - x^4 - y^4$$

$$\dot{r} = r - \frac{1}{r}(x^4 + y^4) = r - r^3(\cos^4\theta + \sin^4\theta)$$

$$\cos^4\theta + \sin^4\theta = \cos^4\theta(1 - \sin^2\theta) + \sin^4\theta(1 - \cos^2\theta)$$

$$= 1 - 2\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(2\theta)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \leq \cos^4\theta + \sin^4\theta \leq 1$$

$$\boxed{r - r^3 \leq \dot{r} \leq r - \frac{1}{2}r^3}$$

$$r = \epsilon \ll 1 \Rightarrow \epsilon \leq \dot{r} \Rightarrow \dot{r} > 0 \quad \text{spirals out from } (0,0)$$

$$\dot{r} < 0 \quad \text{if} \quad r - \frac{1}{2}r^3 < 0 \Rightarrow r(1 - \frac{r^2}{2}) < 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{r^2}{2} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{r > \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\boxed{\dot{r} < 0 \quad \text{if} \quad r > \sqrt{2}}$$

We can get a better ring by  $\dot{r} > 0$  for  $r$ :

$$\dot{r} > r - r^3 \Rightarrow \dot{r} > 0 \quad \text{if} \quad r - r^3 > 0$$

$$r(1 - r^2) > 0 \Rightarrow 1 - r^2 > 0 \Rightarrow r^2 < 1$$

trapping  
Region

Poincaré-Bendixon theorem

Guarantees a periodic solution inside.

